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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BCATAG: MOVE TO TEGEL

REF: BONN 14167 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. AT SEPTEMBER 13 BCATAG MEETING, FRG REPS REQUESTED PROMPT CAA APPROVAL OF TEGEL RENTS AND RATES, ASKING WHETHER CAA'S COULD CONSIDER EXECUTING PROVISIONAL APPROVAL OF THE BFG APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO THE SIGNING OF A FINAL CONTRACT BY THE AIRLINES AND THE BFG. ALL CAA'S OPPOSED ANY PROVISIONAL ACTION ON PRINCIPLE. IN VIEW STRONGLY HELD GERMAN CONCERN, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PRESENT STATUS OF PA CONSIDERATION BE OBTAINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REMAINDER OF MEETING COVERED BULGARIAN OVERFLIGHT SITUATION AND PREPARATION OF IGS STATISTICS REQUESTED BY FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT SEPTEMBER 13 BCATAG MEETING, FRG FONOFF AND BERLIN SENAT REPS MADE FORCEFUL PRESENTATION REQUEST-
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ING PROMPT CAA APPR.OVAL OF TEGEL RENTS AND RATES. SENAT

REP KROLL SAID THAT MATTER WAS OF EXTREME URGENCY BECAUSE OPERATIONS AT TEGEL SOUTH WOULD COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 1, 1974, FOR AIR FRANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS PRESENTLY USING TEGEL NORTH. WITHOUT CAA ACTION, BERLIN AIRPORT COMPANY (BFG) WOULD HAVE NO BASIS FOR TEGEL SOUTH RENTALS. KROLL RECOGNIZED THAT IN THE INTEREST OF EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL BERLIN CARRIERS, THE EXISTING LANDING AND PARKING FEES AT TEMPELHOF AND TEGEL NORTH, WHICH ARE THE SAME AT BOTH LOCATIONS, WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO BE CHARGED AT TEGEL SOUTH UNTIL APRIL 1, 1975.

3. USCAA POINTED OUT THAT PAA HEADQUARTERS HAD AS YET NOT GIVEN APPROVAL TO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT WITH THE BFG PENDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW FINAL DRAFT CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED BY THE AIRLINES AND THE BFG. BRITISH AND FRENCH CAA'S EXPRESSED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE BFG PROPOSED TEGEL SOUTH FEES AND RENTALS APPROVED.

4. GERMAN REPS VOICED SERIOUS CONCERN AT US POSITION AND ASKED WHETHER CAA'S COULD CONSIDER EXECUTING PROVISIONAL APPROVAL OF THE BFG APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO THE SIGNING OF A FINAL CONTRACT BY THE AIRLINES AND THE BFG. BRITISH AND FRENCH REPS OPPOSED ANY PROVISIONAL ACTION ON PRINCIPLE, SINCE SUCH A STEP WOULD MAKE CAA DECISION CONTINGENT ON AIRLINES DECISION. USCAA EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST TO HAVE A FIRM COMMITMENT ON THE MOVE IN HAND BEFORE ANY CAA ACTION WAS TAKEN, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNPLEASANT SURPRISES AT A LATER DATE. KROLL SAID THAT THE SENAT WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS AGAIN ON ANY OF THE BASIC TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND HAD ASSUMED THESE WERE AGREEABLE TO PAA. USCAA RESPONDED THAT QUESTION APPEARED

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TO BE HOW THESE TERMS WOULD BE GIVEN EFFECT, NOT ONE OF PRINCIPLE.

5. REMAINDER OF THE MEETING COVERED CURRENT SITUATION ON BULGARIAN OVERFLIGHTS AND PREPARATION OF IGS STATISTICS REQUESTED BY FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT. USCAA REPORTED ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS RE US PROTEST TO BULGARIANS ON SEPTEMBER 7 PAA FLIGHT. UK AND US CAA'S POINTED OUT THAT AIRLINE EXPERTS WERE PRESENTLY REVIEWING STATISTICAL FORMS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT DATA COULD BE PRACTICABLY DEVELOPED. FRENCH CAA SAID AIR FRANCE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE DATA IN VIEW OF THE SMALL NUMBER OF FLIGHTS IT PERFORMED. FONOFF REPS WERE PLEASED WITH PROGRESS ON IGS STATISTICS EXERCISE AND ASKED TO BE KEPT CURRENT ON BULGARIAN SITUATION, SINCE OVERFLIGHT ISSUE WAS RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ATTENTION.

5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT GERMAN SIDE FOUND US CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITION RE TEGEL FEES THOROUGHLY UNSATISFACTORY, AND WE EXPECT HEAVY PRESSURE TO ACT AS NOVEMBER 1 DRAWS NEAR. WE FULLY APPRECIATE PAA'S CONCERNS AS REGARDS THE NEED FOR A DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE TERMS UNDER WHICH IT WILL OPERATE FROM TEGEL SOUTH AND WOULD HOPE NECESSARY CONTRACT DRAFTS COULD BE REVIEWED IN ADVANCE OF TEGEL SOUTH'S OPENING. GIVEN STRONGLY HELD GERMAN CONCERNS, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PRESENT STATUS OF PAA CONSIDERATION BE FULLY CLARIFIED AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON PAA NY'S VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF (1) FINAL CONTRACTS NOT REVIEWED BY MIDDLE OF OCTOBER AND (2) TEGEL SOUTH IS READY TO

OPEN ON NOVEMBER 1, CONSIDERATION MAY HAVE TO BE GIVEN
TO SOME TYPE OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENT PROVIDING A TEGEL
SOUTH RENTAL SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 1974--
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